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ACL Webinar on Building Integrated Care Coalitions: The California Community of Constituents Initiative

On Tuesday, December 11, in partnership with The SCAN Foundation, the Administration for Community Living (ACL) will continue its series of webinars on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 (also known as the Affordable Care Act, or ACA) and its impact on older adults, people with disabilities and the aging and disability networks, focusing on integrated care partnerships.

Title: Building Integrated Care Coalitions: The California Community of Constituents Initiative

Description:

Finding strength in numbers, state, regional and community-based organizations are increasingly coming together to collaborate and respond to state efforts to build integrated care systems. One example of such a collaborative is the Community of Constituents Initiative in California. Funded by The SCAN Foundation, this Initiative is building a statewide movement to transform the system of care so that all Californians can age with dignity, choice and independence. In this webinar we will present an overview of the Initiative, and spotlight three participating communities and the opportunities and challenges they have faced in responding to California's Coordinated Care Initiative.

Presenters:

Jack Hailey, Government Action and Communication Institute
Leann Marchese, San Diego Senior Alliance
Kali Peterson, The SCAN Foundation
Wendy Peterson, Senior Service Coalition of Alameda County

Date: Tuesday, December 11, 2012
Time: 2:30 p.m. -4:00 p.m. Eastern

[Register](#)

Once your registration is approved, you will receive a confirmation email message with instructions on how to join the event.

[This webinar will also be recorded and posted on our web site after the webinar.](#)

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Medicare Open Enrollment

Reminder: Medicare Open Enrollment Ends This Friday

Friday, December 7, is the last day for all Medicare beneficiaries to change their Medicare health plan and prescription drug coverage for 2013.

To compare available coverage plan options, go to [Medicare Plan Finder](#)

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International Day of Persons with Disabilities Marks 20 Years

In 1992 the United Nations Assembly proclaimed that December 3rd be observed annually as the International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD). The 2012 theme is "Removing barriers to create an inclusive and accessible society for all"

[Click here](#) for more information on IDPD from the United Nations.

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World AIDS Day

Established by the World Health Organization in 1988, World AIDS Day is observed annually on December 1st. This observance unites everyone worldwide in the fight against AIDS. The World AIDS campaign theme, “Working Together for an AIDS-Free Generation,” refers to reaching zero new HIV infections, zero discrimination and zero AIDS related deaths.

In her [blog](#) on World AIDS Day, Administrator for Community Living (ACL) Kathy Greenlee offers ways you can take action in your community to advance the fight against AIDS. Also, The ACL Administration on Aging has a webpage dedicated to [older adults and HIV](#), and earlier this year released an [HIV and aging educational toolkit](#) and video.

You can also read the World AIDS Day 2012 Presidential Proclamation [here](#).

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Funding Opportunity

Funding Opportunity Reminders

The [Robert Wood Johnson Foundation](#) has announced a Call for Proposals for Public Health Services and Systems Research. Studies funded through the call will focus on research projects that examine the organization, finance and delivery of public health services and the subsequent impact on health outcomes.

Approximately \$3.2 million will be awarded in two funding categories:

1) Short-term studies — Grants will provide up to \$200,000 for a maximum of twenty-four months. This category includes qualitative or quantitative studies that use research to explain how elements of the public health system influence the effective implementation of evidence-based public health strategies and/or implementation of public health-primary care integration strategies.

2) Complex and comprehensive studies — a limited number of grants will provide up to \$450,000 for a maximum of thirty-six months. This category includes multistate time-series analyses and other in-depth studies focusing on comparative effectiveness studies that test the impact of alternative strategies for delivering evidence-based public health services and/or public health-primary care integration. Proposals exceeding either twenty-four months or \$300,000 should specify the data collection or analysis steps that justify a longer grant period and larger budget.

The application deadline is December 18, 2012. [Link to Complete RFP](#)

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Department of Education Funding Opportunity

Applications for New Awards; National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research—Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program—Field Initiated Projects Program

AGENCY: Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education

The National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR)—Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program—Field Initiated Projects Program is now accepting applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 2013.

The purpose of the Field Initiated (FI) Projects program is to develop methods, procedures and rehabilitation technology that maximize the full inclusion and integration into society, employment, independent living, family support, and economic and social self-sufficiency of individuals with disabilities, especially individuals with the most severe disabilities.

The deadline is January 22, 2013. [Announcement](#)

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Stay Informed

This Week's Quick Facts

In 2010, adults (aged 18 years and older) with disabilities were less likely to binge drink (10.2 percent) than adults without disabilities (16.2 percent).

Between 1963 and 2011, the labor force participation rate for women age 55-61 increased significantly from 44 percent to 65 percent.

NIVW Twitter Chat

In recognition of National Influenza Vaccination Week (NIVW) the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will host a NIVW Twitter Chat to answer questions about NIVW, influenza and influenza vaccination.

Date: Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. EST

The hashtag for the Twitter chat will be #NIVW2012.

Direct questions to fluinbox@cdc.gov

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Partnership Center Webinars on the Health Care law and Civil Rights

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood continues to host a series of webinars for faith and community leaders. All webinars are open to the public and include a question and answer session where you can ask HHS staff any questions you may have. Questions may be submitted prior to the webinar to ACA101@hhs.gov

To participate in one of the upcoming webinars, please select your preferred topic from the list below and submit the necessary information. After registering you will receive an e-mail confirmation containing information about joining the webinar.

[Introduction to the HHS Office for Civil Rights \(in English and Spanish\)](#)

December 10th at 3:30 p.m. ET

An introduction to the HHS Office of Civil Rights in English and Spanish. The Office of Civil Rights will share information about what their office does, how they can help faith and community leaders and will answer questions.

[The Health Care Law 101](#)

December 12th at 3:00 p.m. ET

A presentation on the main provisions in the Affordable Care Act, the health care law, and how to access care in your community.

[The Health Care Law 101 \(in Spanish\)](#)

December 18th at 2:00 p.m. ET

A presentation on the main provisions in the Affordable Care Act, the health care law, and how to access care in your community.

Please contact us at ACA101@hhs.gov if you have registration problems.

All of the webinars are closed to the press.

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Webinar on Multi-Generational Living

This webinar is part of the American Society on Aging Family Caregiver Support Series sponsored by Home Instead Senior Care.

The webinar is designed for anyone who is currently, or will be, caring for an older adult in their home. The information presented will introduce you to multigenerational living and outline the advantages and disadvantages.

Participants in this web seminar will:

- Find out how to decide if multi-generational living is right for your family
- Learn about some of the emotional issues to address, and how to enlist support
- Get tips on how to prepare your home for an older adult's arrival

Presenters:

Dr. Amy D'Aprix, Executive Director of the DAI Foundation, a nonprofit organization established to meet the needs of caregivers and President of Dr. Amy Inc., a company dedicated to Family Caregiver Wellness

Mary Alexander, Director of Strategic Alliances with Home Instead Senior Care Corporation

Date: Wednesday, December 12, 2012

Time: 10:00 a.m. PT / 11:00 a.m. MT / 12:00 p.m. CT / 1:00 p.m. ET

[Register](#)

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Webinar on the Ye Olde Breakfast Shoppe – Rochester Council on Aging, Rochester, MA (Rural)

This webinar is the last in a series of webinars sponsored by the Aging Network's Volunteer Collaborative this fall.

Breakfast Shoppe is a Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Community Breakfast Program at the Rochester Senior Center run jointly by the FRIENDS of the Rochester Senior Center and Rochester Lions Club. In this webinar, you will learn how volunteers can singlehandedly run a Community

Breakfast Program that starts seniors' days with a hot meal--without the need for your staff's resources!"

Date: Wednesday, December 12, 2012

Time: 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. EST

[Register](#)

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Upcoming WISE Webinars

WISE (Work Incentive Seminar Events) webinars are online events held for Social Security beneficiaries to learn about the Ticket to Work Program and other available work incentives through accessible learning opportunities.

WISE webinars are hosted on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

The two December sessions are:

Exploring Community Service as a Pathway to Employment: A Webinar for Social Security Disability Beneficiaries

Date: Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Time: 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Eastern

[Register](#)

Once you submit the registration form, you will receive a confirmation Email with event details and instructions.

If you have any questions, please contact us by Email at

support@chooseworkttw.net or by telephone at 866-968-7842 (TTY/TTD 966-833-2967)

National WISE Webinar

Date: Wednesday, December 12, 2012

Time: 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Eastern

[Register](#)

Once you submit the registration form, you will receive a confirmation Email with event details and instructions.

If you have any questions, please contact us by Email at support@chooseworkttw.net or by telephone at 866-968-7842 (TTY/TTD 966-833-2967)

[Social Security Administration-supported Ticket to Work Program](#)

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National Influenza Vaccination Week

Dec. 2-8 is National Influenza Vaccination Week (NIVW). The flu vaccine is the best way modern medicine currently has to protect against this potentially serious disease. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends a yearly flu vaccine for everyone 6 months of age and older as the first and most important step in protecting against influenza disease.

[NIVW updates and promotional materials](#) [Take the CDC Flu Vaccination Pledge](#)

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Two Weeks Left: Enter the Family Caregivers Video Challenge by 12/10

The [Family Caregivers Video Challenge](#) is an opportunity for you to tell others what health information technology or eHealth tools you have used to help you manage a loved one's healthcare needs—could be a child, spouse, partner, or an elderly parent, relative or friend.

Your story may motivate and inspire others to leverage [eHealth](#) or [health information technology](#) to manage various aspects of caring for others, such as: managing health care finances, learning more about a health care condition, finding social support or monitoring care remotely.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the best videos, and winning videos will appear on HealthIT.gov. Participants are encouraged to share their video with friends and family since the number of views is one of several criteria for winning!

Remember to submit your video by December 10. [Register](#)

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AAPD Summer Internship Program

The American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD) is now accepting applications for its 2013 Summer in Washington Internship Program. AAPD places students and recent graduates with all types of disabilities in paid ten-week summer internships in Congressional offices, federal agencies, nonprofit, and for-profit organizations. AAPD provides accessible housing, a living stipend and travel to and from Washington, DC for all summer interns.

The Application Deadline: 5:00pm Eastern Time, January 11, 2013. [Apply](#)

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Medicaid HCBS Taxonomy Online Training Available

The National Association for State Units on Aging and Disabilities (NASUAD) has completed a new online training module on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid's (CMS) newly released Medicaid Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Taxonomy.

The Taxonomy is an orderly classification of a broad range of HCBS services that CMS applies to State waivers (services included in states' 1915(c) Waivers, or 1915(i) State Plan Amendments). While each state and territory has its own method for collecting data, there is currently no common terminology that applies to data collection for home and community based services across all states. A main purpose of the Medicaid HCBS Taxonomy is to provide common terminology nationally; allowing CMS and states to better understand what services are being provided within a state and in comparison to other states.

NASUAD will hold an all-state call in December to discuss states' questions and feedback on the Medicaid HCBS Taxonomy.

[Click here](#) to access the free online training materials

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New Online Resource on Domestic Violence

The National Resource Center on Domestic Violence (NRCDV), funded by the Department of Health and Human Services Family Violence Prevention and Services Program is pleased to announce the release of a new interactive online course, *Domestic Violence: Understanding the Basics*.

- This one hour interactive eLearning module:
- Describes the dynamics and common tactics that characterize domestic violence
- Provides an overview of the scope and impact on individuals and society

- Explores the underlying factors that allow domestic violence to exist
- Offers insight into the various risks and choices that survivors face
- Shares solutions to the problem.

This course will help advocates, allied professionals, students, and the general public achieve a basic understanding of this complex issue.

[Access the course](#)

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Recent Reports

[HHS Office of Inspector General Semiannual Report to Congress: April 1, 2012 – September 30, 2012](#)

Source: Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General
Date: November 2012

[Results from the 2011 National Survey on Drug Use and Health: Mental Health Findings](#)

Source: HHS Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
Date: November 2012

[Health Care Fraud: Types of Providers Involved in Medicare Cases, and CMS Efforts to Reduce Fraud](#)

Source: US Government Accounting Office
Date: Wednesday, November 28, 2012

[The Cost and Coverage Implications of the ACA Medicaid Expansion: National and State-by-State Analysis](#)

Source: Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured
Date: November 2012

[Timing, Duration and Quality of Sleep, and Level of Daytime Sleepiness in 1166 Retired Seniors](#)

Source: Healthy Aging and Clinical Care in the Elderly
Date: November 2012

[Parkinson's Outcome Project: Quality Improvement Initiative \(QII\) Study](#)

Source: National Parkinson Foundation
Date: November 2012

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Job Opportunity at ACL

Title: Aging Services Program Specialist
Location: Boston Regional Office

Brief Summary: As an Aging Services Program Specialist in the Administration for Community Living (ACL), you will plan, develop, implement, coordinate, and evaluate a broad range of aging programs in a Federal region.

The application deadline is Wednesday, December 12, 2012.

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